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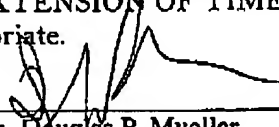
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In response to the Election Species Requirement mailed December 20, 2005, Applicants elect Species 2 (Figs. 3, 4A, 4B). Claims 1, 4 and 6-9 are readable upon the elected species. The election of species is made without traverse.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

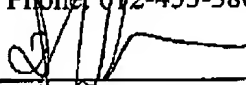
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